

Vancouver District Area Council Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023.

Called to order at 18:05

Present: Jennifer Horsley, Alex (Vital) Stuit, Devin Bagri, Deanne La Rocque, Aaron Chang, Denzil John Asche, Edward He, Damir Moric

Regrets: Priscilla Lam and Jamey Mills.

Welcome and Indigenous Acknowledgement

Land acknowledgement, a reminder of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation coming up and recommendations to read and heed calls for action, as well as encouragement to read indigenous authors

Rounds Question and Introductions

Devin: Land acknowledgement. 22000 First Nations Health Authority (PSAC), first time as part of a bargaining team and coming to an agreement.

Deanne: Union of National Employees. Local 20150. handled her first grievance.

Aaron: CEIU 20028 attended convention in Ottawa and a rally for missing and murdered indigenous women to search the landfill.

Jennifer: VDAC President, UPCE 20095. Enjoyed the VDAC barbeque and meeting people and enjoying their company

Alex: PSAC Regional Rep transferred from Atlantic in June. His family is from Nahanni Butte, NWT Treaty 11 territory of the Dene Deh Cho nation. His son attended North American Indigenous Games and made a personal best and they were able to watch livestream from Vancouver RO. He is stepping in on behalf of Monica.

Edward: 20951 CEIU Richmond Service Canada Centre, Metro Vancouver Area Council. He was busy for a few weeks, had a 12 day trip to Alaska with a helicopter on the glacier, attended the CEIU national convention, and had training in Victoria.

Damir: Vice President of the VDAC, 20937 CEIU First time he walked in two Pride parades - Victoria and Vancouver and attended (administered the PSAC booths at the Burnaby and New Westminster Pride Festivals

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved Devin, Seconded Deanne. Carried.

Acceptance of the Previous Minutes

May 31, 2023

Moved by Damir, Seconded by Deanne. Carried.

Business Arising

Changing of the banking has been completed. New officers have been added and old officers have been removed.

Regarding the bowling fundraiser, Damir and Denzil phoned around and found out about two of the facilities.

We did not vote to put funds towards the summer barbeque from the membership engagement funds for \$500.

There was a motion retrospectively that this would be done.

Moved by Damir. Seconded by Denzil. Carried.

There were also other funding sources. Mainland Human Rights Committee gave \$200. The coordinator allowance representing Metro Vancouver gave \$300. The REVP office gave \$500. Donations totalled \$1375, of which \$1462.21 was spent. The overage by the rep's office of \$279.83 included in about \$600. There were donations to the Women's committee for local shelters.

Financial Report

Aaron: The bank balance is \$4630.51.

Expenses accounted for were for the summer barbeque.

For the next meeting Jennifer will be sure we can look at the budget to see if there are further things to do, including the bowling event.

Standing Updates

Phoenix: We are still fighting for more damages and for former damages to be non-taxable. There is a movement to lobby MPs regarding Phoenix. There will be assistance for people who want to do this. Notify Jennifer or the REVP's office directly if you are interested. We are waiting for an official launch, which will include a lobby kit. Part time workers have not seen increases to some of their pay. It is inconsistent how the claw back of overpayments is happening. This can be checked under GC Pay to see if they are calculating that. Some people have not had the correct amount of days taken. Jennifer or Damir will talk to Jamey about this.

Metro Vancouver Alliance: There is a call for interest in participating in the Housing Research Action Team. The VDAC held the listening session on housing in June though it was not as well attended as anticipated but it was a good discussion taken to the MVA. The MVA are looking for people from all affiliated bodies for people to participate in the research action team, meeting with other affiliates and community groups to go over what was brought to the

listening sessions to determine the direction of the campaign. If there is no interest we can put out a call to the VDAC mailing list.

There is a MVA delegates Assembly is on October 15, location to be determined. They will talk about the listening sessions there and putting forward an action plan. It will be an in-person event.

Affiliate Reports

These can be sent to Monica or Alex and they will be put in the reports.

New Business

Elections (Secretary)

Alex is running the election.

Jennifer nominated Denzil, seconded by Damir. Elected by Acclamation.

Amendment to By-Laws – 2nd Vice-President Position

The amendment is to remove the position of 2nd Vice-President There was an amendment to amend the motion to also refer to the 1st Vice President as Vice President.

The amendment to the motion to amend was moved by Damir, seconded by Edward. Carried.

This is because it has been a hard position to fill and to make it easier to ensure quorum is met.

This amendment moved by Damir, seconded by Edward. Carried.

Report back and discussion of Summer Events – MVA Housing Listening Session, BBQ and Labour Day

The events were well-attended, popular, and very successful. The Button maker was popular but awkward. Colouring pages were very popular and requested by others. The listening session was addressed above. We had talked about attending car-free days but it was in the midst of convention cycles.

There were union counter protests through most Canadian cities to anti-2SLGBTQIA+ rallies. There are activists across all unions who are organised to quickly respond to such anti-2SLGBTQIA+ events. PSAC and other unions put out statements. These counter protests were very successful, particularly in Victoria. The counter protest in Surrey had a very hard time. The unions are very good at ensuring people are safe at these rallies. Damir also attended counter-protest at a bridge in North Vancouver during the summer, and a fundraiser and a counter protest at the unionised Carousel Theatre on Granville Island. It is important to talk about this issue again as one person was in favour

of the protests rather than the counter protests. We need more education on this issue.

Resolutions to PSAC National Triennial Convention

Search the Landfill

Moved to send the resolution to the PSAC National Triennial Convention by Damir, Seconded by Denzil. Carried.

Solidarity with Woman Life Freedom and Iranian Workers

Moved to send the resolution to the PSAC National Triennial Convention by Denzil. Seconded by Damir. Carried.

Tax Credits for transit Users

There was discussion on the format but it was determined it was in an alternate plain language format.

There was discussion on whether to lobby immediately or within the next cycle and it was decided to lobby within the next cycle.

Moved to send the resolution to the PSAC National Triennial Convention by Edward. Seconded by Deanne. Carried.

Affordable and Accessible Childcare

Jennifer motivated the motion with experiences of her members.

Moved to send the resolution to the PSAC National Triennial Convention by Edward. Seconded by Damir. Carried.

PSAC Travel Policy: Rest Period

There were amendments to the wording to correct typos and clarify.

Moved to send the resolution to the PSAC National Triennial Convention by Damir. Seconded by Denzil. Carried.

PSAC Travel Policy: Enforced Rest Period

There was discussion regarding the language of “through no fault of their own”.

Moved to send the resolution to the PSAC National Triennial Convention by Aaron. Seconded by Damir. Carried.

Remote Work Language

There was discussion regarding the wording.

Moved to send the resolution to the PSAC National Triennial Convention by Denzil. Seconded by Damir. Carried.

Round Table

Alex: There are PSAC education courses coming up on Grievance Handling, and Duty to Accommodate. There is also an Indigenous Summit coming up.
Damir: The two locations for bowling are the Grandview Lanes and Revs. Revs wants a commitment of a number of people, and have packages for groups, including pop and pizza. Grandview Lanes want you to book an entire floor which can accommodate various numbers of people. Perhaps we could have a doodle poll or survey from the email list to get an idea of the number of people.

Adjourn at 20:40.

Next Meeting Date – November 1, 2023